

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION GUIDELINES FOR STATE DECLARED EMERGENCIES

After a major fire or earthquake, many buildings will require debris removal or demolition. Be aware that buildings constructed prior to 1984 may have asbestos-containing materials (ACM)*. Even buildings constructed after 1984 can contain some asbestos. Materials that may contain asbestos include roofs, floor tiles, acoustic ceilings, insulation, sound proofing, cement pipes, heating ducts, pipe coverings and others.

To aid the disaster recovery, AQMD has streamlined its asbestos notification procedures by temporarily waiving the fees and the waiting period for all cleanups in the AQMD basin resulting from the wildfires that began on or about August 26 and August 30, 2009.

GUIDELINES FOR CLEANUP

- Avoid mixing of asbestos-containing materials with other debris. Use adequate wetting for all debris removals and demolitions. For wetting, use a dispenser or water hose with a nozzle for a fine, low-pressure spray or mist. Where necessary, use water mixed with wetting agent.
- Where ACM is *suspected* to be mixed with debris, the debris may be assumed to be ACM and should be adequately wetted, wrapped in thick plastic sheeting ("burrito-wrapped") and disposed of as ACM. A survey by a certified consultant may be conducted to separate ACM from other debris in order to reduce the amount of debris that needs to be disposed of as ACM.
- Where ACM is *known* to be present, the debris should be stabilized by wetting and covering with plastic sheeting until it is removed.
- Suspected or known ACM must be removed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and disposed of at a landfill approved to receive asbestos. Some exemptions may apply to an owner-occupant of a single-family house who plans to conduct their own cleanup. Contact AQMD, (909) 396-2336, for details.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Contractors, owners, or operators are responsible for notifying AQMD prior to proceeding with asbestos removals and/or demolitions. "No person shall remove or strip ACM or Class II nonfriable ACM that has suffered damage from fire, explosion, or natural disaster without the use of a Procedure 5 Approved Alternative" (Rule 1403).
- Indicate "Emergency-related" on the top of the standard notification form. If a building has been condemned by a city or county agency, indicate this fact in the notification.
- Asbestos notification forms can be obtained by calling (909) 396-2336 or from AQMD's website (www.aqmd.gov). Fax the completed form to (909) 396-3342 or mail to AQMD Asbestos Program, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178.
- If a previously submitted notification needs revisions due to the emergency, the contractor can fax a revised notification without a fee.
- Contact the State of California, Department of Toxics Substance Control for disposal and transport of asbestos-containing materials at (818) 717-6500.

For more information call AQMD at (909) 396-2336. For more information about licensed contractors contact the State Licensing Board or call AQMD.

*By definition, asbestos-containing material (ACM) is a material containing more than 1% asbestos.

**South Coast Air Quality Management District
Executive Order 09-01**

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California has proclaimed a State of Emergency resulting from widespread fires commencing on or about August 26 and August 30, 2009, such proclamations occurring on August 28, 2009, for affected areas in Los Angeles County and on September 1, 2009, for affected areas in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proclamations declared that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within these Counties caused by the wildfires; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 118(d)(1), I find and determine and hereby declare that strict compliance with provisions of Rule 301(n) (asbestos notification fee), Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(i)(I) (time schedule – 10-day notice for demolition or renovation activities), Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iii) (emergency demolition additional information), and Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iv) (emergency renovation additional information) would delay critical actions necessary to protect public health and safety, clean-up, and repair work needed to remediate the effects of the emergency;

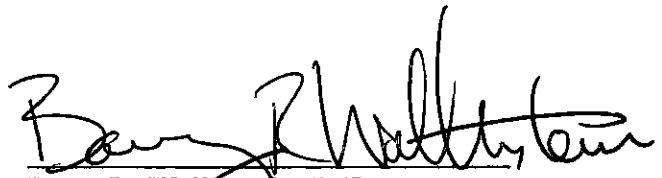
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Rule 118(d)(1) of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, I hereby suspend the provisions of the following rules of the South Coast Air Quality Management District for clean-up and repair work resulting from the wildfires commencing on or about August 26, 2009, in the County of Los Angeles and on or about August 30, 2009, in the County of San Bernardino:

Rule 301(n)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(i)(I)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iii)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iv)

The suspension of provisions of Rules 301 and 1403 shall be on condition that persons subject to Rule 1403 shall provide notice to the District by telephone, as soon as possible but prior to any demolition or renovation activity, and shall follow up with a written notification to the District postmarked or delivered within 48 hours of the telephone notification or the following business day, whichever is earlier. All notifications shall include the information required by Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(ii).

This suspension shall be in effect for a period concluding at 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2009, or upon the termination of the Governor-declared State of Emergency, whichever is earlier.

Dated: November 25, 2009


Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.
Executive Officer